

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2022

The Burke County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom at the Burke County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Terri Lodge Kelly. Commissioners Martin, Nix, and Lively, along with County Attorney Adam Nelson, and Assistant County Manager Adam Flakes were also in attendance.

Scout Troup 25 gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioners then selected the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2022. Commissioner Nix motioned to keep Terri Lodge Kelly as Chairman and Evans Martin as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Lively seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nix then motioned to approve the Minutes from the December 14th, 15th, and 22nd meetings. Commissioner Martin seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Judge Cox then presented Danny Meeks with a plaque representing his 13 years of service with State Court stating Mr. Meeks has been an integral part of the State Court Program.

Sheriff Williams then addressed the Board to request funding for vehicle and facility maintenance. Sheriff Williams stated he has hired a private cleaning company and utilizes a local business for vehicle maintenance. Commissioner Kelly stated the Board would take the request under consideration.

There were no bids received for the 2022 Police Sedan.

One bid was received and opened from Paul Thigpen Ford for the 2022 Police SUV. Bid amount was \$39,994.00 and would be available in 12-16 weeks from order.

Bids for the 2022 4x4 Crew Cab Light Duty Truck were then opened. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Paul Thigpen Ford	\$ 35,994.00	12-16 weeks from order V-8 not offered
Beck Auto Group	\$ 39,390.00	2021 in stock

All bids were deferred to the Finance Committee meeting on January 12, 2022, at 4:00 pm where bids from the December's Regular Meeting would also be reconsidered.

The Board then considered the Final Reading of Ordinance 22-01 which Amends the Speed Limit Regulation on County Roads. The roads specific to the Ordinance are Spring Branch Church Road, Jack DeLaigle Road, Johnson Road, and Idlewood Road, changing them to 45 mph. Commissioner Martin motioned to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance 22-01 with Commissioner Nix seconding, clarifying this was the final reading of the Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then considered the Adoption of a Resolution approving the Proposed Redistricting Maps. After meeting with the Burke County Board of Education in a December meeting, agreements on the redistricting maps were made. Commissioner Nix motioned to adopt the Resolution approving the Proposed Redistricting Maps with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board was then tasked with filling an Unexpired term on the DFCS Board. Commissioner Nix requested this item be tabled as he believed Commissioner Abrams had an appointment for the term but was absent from the meeting.

An Agreement with the City of Midville to contract Law Enforcement Services was then discussed. Commissioners were concerned with the usage of county vehicles and costs that would be incurred. Sheriff Williams stated the Agreement was short term, 6 months, and believes costs would be minimal. Sheriff Williams also stated having the county vehicles visible is a deterrent. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the Agreement for Law Enforcement services with the City of Midville with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed an Agreement with Burke Medical Center for Ambulatory Services. The Medical Center has applied for approval from the Department of Community Health to perform cardiac catheterizations and an Agreement is required by the State. The Agreement states the County will provide advanced life support ambulance services to Burke County Medical Center, if needed. Michael Hester, Burke Medical Center CEO stated services have not started yet as they are currently getting a program in place. Assistant Manager Flakes clarified that the County would bill the patient directly should services be rendered. Commissioner Nix motioned to accept the Agreement with Burke Medical Center for Ambulatory Services with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

A request for Class B Alcohol License for Pragnesh Kumar Patel at 3193 Farmers Bridge Road was then considered. Assistant Manager Flakes stated all requirements have been met. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve the request for Class B Alcohol License with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed unanimously. Assistant Manager Flakes then informed the Board there would soon be an online portal for submitting these applications and he would keep the Board apprised.

The Board then considered the approval of the Title VI Plan Update for Burke Transit to continue receiving federal funds. The proposed update meets DOT guidelines, although updated maps will need to be submitted once information is received from CSRA Regional Commission. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve the Title VI Plan Update with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

Paul Burke, Public Works, updated the Board on holiday trash pickup, installation of new driveways, and shop activities. Jesse Burke, Public Works Director, stated trash collection continues to be an issue, especially with a truck out of commission. He requested the Board to contact the company that provided low bid in November for a trash truck to see if they had one available, or if they could find one, for immediate purchase. Discussion was had about the feasibility roll off containers. Commissioner Nix requested the bids from November be available at the January 12th Finance Committee meeting.

Sheriff Williams addressed the Board, requesting an open Purchase Order for fuel purchases to eliminate the submission of Authority to Pay requests. He then provided the Board with an overview of

the Sheriff Department's 2021 Annual Report citing a 57% reduction in crime. Assistant Manager Flakes stated the County was also awarded the Georgia Public Safety Official and First Responders Supplement Grant which will provide \$1,000 pay supplement for all eligible sworn law enforcement and first responders.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Terri Lodge Kelly, Chariman

Evans Martin, Co-Chairman

Q. U. "Art" Lively

R. Tommy Nix

Adam Flakes, Assistant County Manager